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## LABOR ON THE ADLAI, ESTES

### Stevenson, Kefauver Nominated By Democrats; Campaign Charted

By MAX D. DANISH

CHICAGO—The past two weeks saw the curtains fall on the Democratic and Republican conventions in Chicago and San Francisco. The Democratic gathering, running true to form, was packed with drama, internal fighting, and personality clashes. The GOP meeting in San Francisco's Cow Palace, in the description of The New York Times, was "hardly a political convention," with no real business. "It was old home week, an old boys and old girls reunion," it mildly chuckled.

Buckets of arid oratory, common routine at all political jamborees, however, kept pouring out in bulk at both conventions, sounding off mainly around the unavoidable "Man Who" cue, and destined, of course, to wind up in boredom's minor archives.

The second round of the quadrennial battle—to unseat the "ins" or to repel the challenging "outs"—now starts in earnest. An immediate reading of the Democratic post-convention state of mind reveals that the Democrats have come out of it with more hard sterner on their bones and a greater eagerness to use it on the Eisenhower-Nixon new "Party of the Future," than they had when they went into it. They have again displayed an amazing capacity for knocking themselves out and then coming off the floor with more grit than ever.

#### Adapt to New Facts

What's more, they have shown a startling adaptability to some new facts of political life, which might be termed a newer edition of the New-Fair Deal philosophy, but for which no proper label has yet been devised. They also have withstood another heavy tussle in the endless feud between their liberal and conservative factions—the fight over semantics in their civil rights platform plank—without severe damage.

They have thereby not only sustained the coalition that had won them five elections in 25 years, but have also materially helped the numerous and growing islands of liberal strength in the South in their striving for a place in the political sun of their areas.

Not the least among the scraps which the Democrats had managed to get into—and out of—at Chicago, was former President Harry Truman's madcap behavior during the convention. Within the past few years, Harry Truman, disdainful of the role of a mere elder statesman, has emerged as his party's self-appointed dominant political strategist. Truman's chief anti-Stevenson thrust—that the latter could not win against Eisenhower—was about the deadliest blow ever could have used in family political infighting. It was the same type of weapon that the Deweyites had used with lethal effect against Robert A. Taft in the 1952 GOP convention in winning the top spot for Eisenhower.

Truman made the capital error of misreading his wide influence in the party for real power. However, the new generation of Democratic leaders, the young Governors and legislators, were little inclined to follow Truman's erratic course.

The incident, however, also has freed Adlai Stevenson completely from any obligation or "loyalty" to the former President, leaving him unshackled to run his campaign according to his own ideas and patterns.

The early rounds of the 1956 campaign, in the estimate of many political observers, find Republicans statistically ahead. At the same time, however, the Democrats could also cite some hard political arithmetic that should give the Republicans much to ponder. There is no question that the weightiest fact in this early sum-up of comparable strength is Eisenhower's landslide vote of 1952—

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### AFL-CIO Exec. Council Recommends Endorsement at Unity House Meet

By LEON STEIN

UNITY HOUSE, Forest Park, Pa.—Organized labor made history last week on the grounds of Unity House, the summer resort of our union. Meeting for the first time at the vacation spot that thousands of garment workers call their summer home, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations made a number of major decisions that are bound to have a profound effect on

political and social aspects of American life and labor. In a four-day long meeting, the Executive Council:

- Recommended that the AFL-CIO General Board endorse Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver, Democratic Party candidates for President and Vice President.
- Adopted a Code of Ethical Practices governing the issuance of local union charters as recommended by the AFL-CIO Committee on Ethical Practices, of which ILGWU Pres. David Dubinsky is the acting chairman in the absence of A. J. Hayes, president of the International Association of Machinists, who is the regular chairman of the committee.

#### Dubinsky on Executive

- Named Pres. Dubinsky to the important eight-man Executive Committee of the AFL-CIO.
- Ordered the Distillery, Rectifying and Wine Workers International Union to "show cause" in the near future to the Ethical Practices Committee why it should not be subject to suspension from the AFL-CIO, because of corrupt domination, at the next council meeting.
- Issued a three-point proposal for the solution of the Suez crisis and coupled this with a sharp attack on Soviet imperialism in the Middle East and the tactics of the Nasser dictatorship in Egypt along with criticism of the weak and vacillating policies of our government, State Department and of our allies.



### Conventional Greetings.

Roosevelt and Adlai Stevenson form a buoyant trio as they exchange words and smiles during Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

- Made a gift of \$25,000 to aid the victims of the recent hurricane in Puerto Rico.
- Directed the Ethical Practices Committee to probe the facts concerning corruption in the Laundry Workers International Union and the Allied Industrial Workers.
- Announced plans for a vast educational program aimed at clarifying for Southern workers, employers and community leaders the great services and contributions trade unions can make to their section of the country.
- Accepted the affiliation of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen with its membership of 96,000.

The action-packed sessions of the council, followed by millions of Americans in the flood of newspaper, radio and TV coverage that emanated from Unity House starting Aug. 27, was in sharp contrast to the rustic and restful setting in which the meetings were held.

Members of the council, along with AFL-CIO staff workers that included specialists in research, health and welfare funds, political action, international affairs, and legal and legislative problems, began to arrive at the resort Sunday afternoon. Except for Pres. Meany and Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schuizler, it was the first visit for the other members of the top body of the AFL-CIO who attended.

In the following days during which the council met, its members, during their

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# High Minimum in Puerto Rico Garment Trades; ILGWU Healthmobile in Hurricane Emergency Duty

Numerous increases in the minimum wages of thousands of garment workers in Puerto Rico have been won through hearings conducted by Special Industry Committee No. 22 during July and August.

Returning from the island after a four-week stay as a member of the Industry Committee appointed by the U. S. Secretary of Labor to review wages in several branches of the garment industry, ILGWU Vice Pres. Charles S. Zimmerman reported that changes in committee procedure will make the wage increases effective in the near future.

## Minimum of Delay

The wage hearings were conducted in five sections. The committee operated under the recent amendments to the wage and hour law enacted by Congress last summer. Under current procedure, Industry Committee recommendations become effective with a minimum of delay after completion of the hearings.

Dr. Lazare Taper, director of the ILGWU Research Department, appeared as an expert witness on behalf of the union before the committee.

The period of their stay in Puerto Rico coincided with the time in which the ILGWU Mobile Health Center was shipped to and received in that island, and both Vice Pres. Zimmerman, manager of Dressmakers' Local 22, and Dr. Taper saw the unit put into immediate use during the recent hurricane.

Zimmerman reports that employer resistance to recommendations was steadfast throughout the hearings, but that the three men representing labor—David Sternbach, Frank Persach (who alternated with Louis Hines), and himself—battled on meaningful basis. In fact, the debate regarding the proposed rise in the glove industry threatened for a time to stalemate the entire proceedings.

While in numerous cases, labor members of the Industry Committee were successful in persuading the majority of the committee to vote for decent increases, in several instances labor members were outvoted by the combination of employer and public members, resulting in inadequate adjustments to the particular groups of Puerto Rican workers.

## Curb Homework

In the course of the hearings on the different products of the needle-



Puerto Rico's new ILGWU healthmobile was rushed into island service last month when hurricane struck. Scene is storm-damaged Yabucoa.

work industry, the committee had to concern itself with minimum rates for homeworkers as well as for factory workers.

At Zimmerman's insistence, the Industry Committee adopted a resolution which condemned the action of certain Puerto Rican employers, who sold sewing machines to their workers for which they made deduction from meager homework pay, and urged that industrial homework be substantially restricted on machine operations.

"Bringing machines into the home is a direct encouragement of the spread of the homework evil which we fought bitterly in the States," Zimmerman declared. "This situation

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## Stevenson and Kefauver To Address Liberal Rally

Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver, Democratic candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, will speak at a public rally following the nominating convention of the Liberal Party of New York State on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 8 P.M. at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Ave.

Others who will speak at the gathering include Governor Averell Harriman, Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, ILGWU Pres. David Dubinsky, Hatters' Pres. Alex Rose, Liberal Party Chairman George S. Counts, Adolf A. Berle Jr. and Anna Rosenberg.

The ILGWU Mobile Health Center for Puerto Rico has been initiated by being pressed into emergency service on the island less than 48 hours after its arrival. A report from Robert Glanick, ILGWU representative, tells of the arrival of the unit on Friday, Aug. 10.

The unit was dedicated in the heart of the New York City's garment center on July 28 and toured the city for public inspection during the following week.

An elaborate ceremony had been planned with Vice Pres. Charles S. Zimmerman, in Puerto Rico at the time as government member of a wage committee, to represent the ILGWU. But two days after arrival of the unit by ship, Hurricane Betsy came roaring out of the Caribbean on Sunday, August 17, cut across the island, hit 20 Puerto Rican cities leaving a path of destruction and hundreds injured and homeless.

Zimmerman immediately reached Col. Miguel Munoz, head of civilian defense, and put the mobile unit at his disposal. On Monday, the day originally set for the ceremony, Col. Munoz ordered the unit to proceed to the little mountain town of Abasco.

Manned by a crew consisting of Dr. Bajandus, a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico, Nurse Anna Amy Haynes and medical technician Hector Colon, the mobile unit sped over the hairpin curves of the mountain road on its mission of mercy.

## Hospital Hit

The hospital in Abasco was out of commission. Its roof had been blown off. The mobile unit moved in and took over the hospital functions. Meanwhile, defense officials, studying the situation, decided the unit was needed also to meet a greater emergency in Yabucoa—the southeast coast of the island. The unit, its job completed in the first town, moved out of Abasco in the early hours of dawn.

Meanwhile, ILGWU headquarters in Puerto Rico continued to receive calls for emergency aid from mem-

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## Cross-Canada Campaign Marks Montreal Targets

Montreal has become a primary target in the all-Canada organizing campaign which thrust ahead last month with renewed intensity.

The union's general staff huddled recently with Vice Pres.

Bernard Shane and Sam Herbet, director of the drive, and they agreed that following the successful renewal of the Montreal dress contract, the time was ripe to push for unionization of all non-union workers in that city.

Toward this end, special meetings have been arranged for volunteer organizers, and new leaflets are being printed to point up the benefits of unionism, highlighting gains won recently in renewal of the dressmakers' agreement.

The Montreal campaign will be synchronized with organizing activity in other sectors. According to Shane, a meeting of the advisory committee of the Canadian organizing campaign has been slated at the same time Toronto Managers Sam Krahanen (cloak) and Joe Macka (dress) meet with Montreal leaders.

Meanwhile, in Lac Megantic, 180 miles northeast of Montreal, the union clinched an agreement with Regal Sportswear, Inc., following a four-month organizing stint.

The two-year pact, bringing union benefits to some 75 workers, provides a shorter work week, a 10 per cent general wage boost with an additional 8 per cent after June 1, 1957, a clearly defined overtime provision and three paid holidays.

The agreement also provides for employer-contributed 1 per cent of payroll for a sick benefit fund, and 2 per cent for one-week paid vacations.

Organization efforts among Regal workers began last May in response to their appeal. After 90 per cent of them had joined the ILGWU, the union was certified official bargaining agent.

## SCORE RISES FOR 200 IN SWISS HAND LOOMS

About 200 Swiss handloom employees have won general wage boosts and higher minimums through renewed two-year pacts, matching the one signed by Local 66 last month for some 1,000 covered button workers.

According to Manager Murray Gross of the New York Bonnaz Embroiderers, Pleaters, Tuckers and Bitchers, the agreement provides a \$2 across-the-board increase, a rise of \$3 in minimums for the crafts concerned; unionization of all floor help, non-classified workers and errand boys.

The agreement, signed by the Swiss Handloom Association representing 100 employers, will expire Aug. 31, 1958, when all other Local 66 contracts terminate.

The union will negotiate for increased contributions to the health, welfare and retirement funds when industry-wide parleys next get underway, Manager Gross reported.



Mobile unit's Dr. Bajandus stands ready to render general medical service for waiting Puerto Rican patients.

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## AFL-CIO Executive Council Adopts Ethical Practices Code on Charters

The AFL-CIO Executive Council, at its meeting last week at Unity House, lashed out against corruption and dishonesty in the labor movement. After hearing a report by its Ethical Practices Committee, presented by Pres. Dubinsky, as the committee's acting chairman in the absence of Chairman Al Hayes, the Executive Council cracked down on three unions:

The Distillery, Rectifying and Wine Workers' International Union, the Allied Industrial Workers of America (formerly the AFL Auto Workers), and the Laundry Workers' International Union.

While the council moved against these three unions, it also approved a code to govern issuance of charters. The code, drawn up by the Ethical Practices Committee, was presented by Acting Chairman Dubinsky and was unanimously approved.

The committee found that instances of corruption in the administration of health and welfare funds are relatively rare. However, it declared, "in a few instances, the local union charters have fallen in the

hands of corrupt individuals who have used these charters for their own illicit purposes instead of legitimate trade union objectives."

The committee declared that "the possession of charters covering 'paper locals' has enabled racketeers to victimize individual workers, employers and the general public, while giving a black eye to the labor movement. They have used these charters to enter into conspiracies with corrupt employers to prevent, for a price, the genuine organization of workers into legitimate unions, thus depriving these workers of the benefit of honest collective bargaining agreements. These racketeers also use a charter as a basis to falsely invoke the collective strength of the trade union

movement for their illegitimate ends, thus demeaning the trade union's historic respect for the legitimate picket line and injuring honest businessmen in the conduct of their affairs."

### Bona Fide Locals

"A local union charter, improperly issued, can be used to control a local union unit vote, which negates the legitimate unit vote of bona fide local unions and thus subverts the democratic process within the trade union movement at various levels. A racketeer treats a charter as a 'busting boom' to invade the jurisdictions of other national or international unions, in the interests only of corruption and dishonest gain, and to cloak with a respectable name a whole range of nefarious and corrupt activities.

"The specific rules governing the issuance of charters necessarily vary greatly from union to union. And each national and international union, as part of its autonomous right, has complete authority to prescribe the particular procedures governing the issuance of local union charters. But whatever the particular procedures, each autonomous union has the duty to see

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### "The Big Picture"



## NAMING OF DUBINSKY TO TOP AFL-CIO BODY CAPS LABOR HONORS

The designation of ILOUW Pres. David Dubinsky as a member of the eight-man Executive Committee of the AFL-CIO is the latest, and highest, honor bestowed upon the ILOUW chief in placing him in poise through which he has been able to serve the general labor movement.

In October 1954, he was elected for the first time as a member of the AFL Executive Council; one year later he attended the meeting of the governing body of the International Labor Organization in Vienna, as the first official representative to that body of labor in the United States. Following the division in the ranks of organized la-

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# Annshire Comes Across After S'West 'Walk-In'

A "walk-in" can be just as effective as a walkout, a Southwest regional staffer proved last month.

According to Vice Pres. Meyer Perlstein, regional director, it all started because the Annshire Garment Co. of Pittsburgh, Kan. wouldn't pay a worker's vacation benefits.

It was Staffer Winnie Lippman's job to see that the employees get what she was entitled to, but for numerous attempts to settle the account, it became clear that the firm was out to stall as long as possible. So Winnie Lippman decided to stage her "walk-in."

She appeared at the shop one morning, made herself comfortable, and announced to the employer that she would remain there until the worker was paid. But her stay was brief and the management had and promptly agreed to correct the grievance.

It wasn't long before Winnie Lippman was back at the plant to settle another account, somewhat less conventionally this time. Meeting with management at a conference table, she negotiated a new agreement scoring wage increases for all workers and a boost in minimum wages for more experienced employees.

## Kansas City Talks

Union and management conferences paving the way for an agreement covering Kansas City shipping clerks still have to agree on the question of a wage increase for these workers before the pact is ready for signing.

So far, Vice Pres. Perlstein reports, both sides have come close to agreement on such matters as classification of workers, minimum hourly wage scales, vacation paid vacation, holiday pay, length of the work week, overtime and a number of other issues.

Remaining to be solved is the question of a wage book that the manufacturers claim the workers received under a recent contract covering production workers and on star 1, then the \$1 legal minimum became effective.

Representing the union at these talks were Vice Pres. Perlstein, Kansas City Joint Board Manager Helen Bengston, Assistant Manager Sam Schwartz and a committee of shipping clerks.

## Frances Gets Pact

Vice Pres. Perlstein reports that a tentative agreement has been reached, following lengthy negotiations, with the Frances Ges Garment Co., operating plants at Kansas City, Excelsior Springs, Richmond and Higginsville, Mo. The union currently is drafting a proposed contract to submit to the company. Participating in the talks were Perlstein, Bengston, Schwartz and shop chairmen and workers' committees.

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# BOSTON STRIKE VOTE SPURS NEGOTIATIONS FOR SHIPPING CLERKS

A strike vote by shipping clerks in Boston has spurred garment manufacturers of that city to sit down and negotiate, reports Vice Pres. Philip Kramer, manager of the Boston Joint Board.

At a mass meeting called by General Organizer Leo Karsensky, shipping clerks voted unanimously to strike if the employers continued their stalling tactics.

Informed of the decision of the shippers and leaders of Local 504, the New England Sportswear Manufacturers' Association and the Boston Apparel Guild agreed to get the parties under way. Meanwhile, strike preparations are continuing just in case.

Local Chairman Al Karsensky and Vice Chairman Louis Andella and Business Agents Saul Waller, Milton Kaplan and Enrico Fierera.

## New York Cloak Finishers Ready for 1956 Campaign

Getting off to an early start, New York cloak finishers established a 1956 Campaign Committee at a meeting held Aug. 23. The assembled finishers heard David Wells, district director of the ILGWU Political Department, analyze election issues.

Harry Fisher, manager of Local 8, who was elected chairman of the campaign committee, pledged an active drive to get all finishers and members of their families to register and to take an active part in the campaign.

## Dubinsky Elected To Top Labor Body

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He served on several committees, seeking labor unity.

In 1945, he was once again re-elected to the Executive Council of the AFL, with which the ILGWU had realigned in 1940. He served on the AFL Postwar Planning Committee and in 1946 was a member of the AFL group that attended the White House management and labor conference.

He has been AFL consultant to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and was one of four AFL officers serving on the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the International Labor Affairs during President Truman's administration.

Then in July 1948, he was a member of the delegation attending the London conference of world labor unions on the Marshall plan, served next year as a member of the AFL delegation to the founding meeting of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and was AFL delegate to IOPU meetings in Milan, Stockholm and Vienna. He is a member of several standing committees of AFL-CIO.

# New Owner Stopped in Tracks In Open-Shop Try at Tiny Togs



New owner, old anti-union policy kept these employees in picket line until EOT union contract was signed at C & M Sportswear (formerly Tiny Togs) in Long Branch, N. J. Left to right: Bertha Geiser, Margaret Skow, Bernice Plick, Larry Marro.

The former employees of Tiny Togs, a sportswear establishment in Long Branch, N. J., started picketing their old premises as a new owner tried to operate the plant without concluding a union agreement, according to Vice Pres. Israel Horowitz, general manager of the Eastern Out-of-Town Department.

The new firm was stopped in its tracks in its attempt to run an open shop by trying to take advantage of the situation and force the old firm locked out the union workers, owing them a substantial amount in unpaid wages.

The union refused to open two fronts to protect the workers' interests. A complaint against the old employer was filed immediately with the New Jersey Department of Labor, and at a hearing held in Asbury Park, the Labor Department examiner granted the workers an award representing one to two weeks' wages which were owed at the time they were locked out. Union employees were represented at the hearing by attorneys Edward Hims and Burton Rinkoff and attorney Laurence Mabel.

While these proceedings were tak-

ing place, a former foreman of the plant stepped into the situation and, advised the union members that she was willing to sign a new contract for production of sportswear. The workers returned to their jobs but were quickly disillusioned when the new owner announced she would not sign an agreement with the union.

When the Long Branch EOT union was apprised of this development, an emergency meeting of the shop was called and workers voted to give the new employer a reasonable time to sign an agreement. When she refused, the majority voted to go on strike for a union contract.

Picketing is continuing, and there are indications that the company shortly will begin negotiations for a union agreement.

## New York Dressmakers:

# KNOW YOUR PRICE SETTLEMENTS

By JULIUS HOCHMAN  
General Manager, New York Dress Joint Board

THE first fundamental lesson that must be learned by all members is that the jobber is the real employer—that all price rates are settled with the jobber.

A second basic point that must be understood is that the price settlements sheet, which describes the union and gives the prices to be paid for making them, is very important. It is the only means by which price settlements can be remembered.

A third point to remember is that prices are settled by price range. As the price ranges go up, the price settlements go up.

The earnings of all union dressmakers, regardless of where they work, depend on price settlements and how they are enforced. That's why, in this campaign, all sections of our union are working together. We want all of our members to get the earnings due them.

Vice Pres. David Gindgold, director of the Northeast Department, and I already have discussed this matter at conferences of shop representatives and shop committees from Hasleton, Wilkes-Barre, Shamokin, Harrisburg, Pottsville, Scranton, Allentown, Reading, Old Forge, Bays, Pottsville and other districts, as recently reported in JUSTICE.

I want to thank the local officers who handled the arrangements, and to say that I was much impressed by the interest and enthusiasm of the shop representatives I met.

New what is this price settlement business all about?

To understand it fully, you need to know a little history. In the beginning, prices in our industry were settled by what the union called the "auction block" system.

Under the "auction block" system, the jobber settled prices separately with each contractor, and each contractor in turn settled prices separately with the price committee in his own shop. This enabled jobbers to drive prices down by pitting one contractor against another, and workers in one shop against workers in another shop.

The result of the "auction block" system was that price committees constantly had to fight over prices, and this caused tension, bad feeling and insecurity in the shops. There were numerous discharge cases, strikes and stoppages.

Despite the fact that we were a big and powerful union, we found that we were unable to assure our members the earnings called for under the agreement.

In 1926, we decided that there was only one remedy for the situation that had made the wage standards written into our agreement unenforceable and meaningless. That remedy was jobber responsibility. In our industry the jobber is the real employer. He buys the materials. He styles and cuts the garments. He sells the finished products. It is only logical that he should be responsible for the conditions under which his work is made.

Until 1926, the jobber was able to evade this responsibility. But in negotiating our agreement that year, we demanded and won, after threat of a general strike, two new clauses fixing on jobbers responsibility for conditions in their contracting shops.

One of these clauses limited the number of contractors a jobber could employ to those he actually needed for his production. It also required him to register with the union as temporary or permanent contractor under the agreement. This clause was intended to prevent the jobbers from using one contractor as a "shock absorber" to beat down workers' earnings.

The second clause provided for settlement of prices with the jobber. This clause was intended to eliminate a situation in which the same garment could be produced in 20 different shops at 20 different prices to the advantage of the jobber.

Under this new system, which is now in effect, prices are settled with the jobber, and a settlement sheet, describing each dress and the prices to be paid for it, is sent to the chairman of every shop where the dresses are to be made.

In some out-of-town sections of the metropolitan dress market, this system has not been fully in effect by the past. From now on, it will be followed throughout the metropolitan dress market.

To simplify the whole procedure of settling prices, we have developed a way of breaking down our dress into standard parts. We call this the "standard dress." It is a dress of standard size and standard parts to compare the amount of work in the dress in the machine with the amount of work in the dress as described in the settlement sheet.

We have published a special booklet describing the unit system, and any member may obtain a copy by sending a request to JUSTICE at 1710 Broadway, New York City 19.

One present method of settling prices is good if it is enforced. Unfortunately, even under this system, some jobbers have devised tricks for evading their responsibilities under the agreement. It is especially true in the popular-price lines. The net effect of these tricks is to deprive many thousands of our members of the earnings due them. Last year our members in the metropolitan dress market produced 97 million dresses in over 50,000 different styles. These dresses were produced in over 2,000 shops in 248 different communities, in addition to New York City, some of miles from each other. Under our collective agreements, prices are settled with the jobber, but obviously enforcement is possible only where the dresses are made.

In the subsequent article, I shall describe these jobbers' tricks and how they can be checked.

# Wall Street Journal Waxes Lyrical about Unity House

Press reporters and labor officials visiting Unity House for the first time, in connection with the AFL-CIO Executive Council meeting, gave frequent expression to their admiration for the garment workers' report. Not the least enthusiastic was John A. Grimes of the Wall Street Journal. On Aug. 31, his paper carried his story smack in the middle of the front page and captioned it "Palace in Poconos Offers Lavish Living for Laboring Folks." The sub-caption on the story read "Garment Workers' Unity House Underwrites Holiday Costs at Pooh Mountain Resort."

The piece in the paper, which doubtless has the richest readership in America, addressed the financiers and investors who read its pages with the following lyrical lead:

"High and far back in the Pocono Mountains shimmers an ultra-modern summer showplace which boasts a millionaire's vacation for garment workers at union-scale rates."

The long article, running the full length of the front page and jumping to the inside of the paper, says that the labor chiefs who assembled for the council meeting couldn't have chosen a more opulent spot. It then goes on to describe the "clipped green lawn," the "modern buildings," the new "Times Square in the Poconos" theater, a typical daily menu.

Says the Wall Street Journal:

"This resort palace is owned and run by and for the ILGWU. The luxury spot is the result of a \$5 million investment of union funds to create a haven where

the best is not good enough for the working man."

"The Unity House layout includes more than 60 buildings and a mile-long lake spread over 1,000 acres."

"Members of other unions are welcome too; so are outsiders—but they pay more. The price includes food, accommodations, tennis, boating, swimming, fishing, square dancing, hiking, handball or just plain loafing. One Unity House official boasts, 'Practically everything is free except the haircuts.'"

Mr. Grimes notes that Unity House requires a staff of about 300. He reports that many of the employees are college students and that all are either permanent or temporary union members.

Intrigued by the description of the Unity House financial operation as being non-profit, Mr. Grimes found that the term does not quite fit. He quotes an ILGWU aide as saying, "What's the sense of making a profit on the union members? If the place threatens to show a profit, we lower the rates to our members."

The rhapodic report by the Wall Street Journal should serve as an accurate gauge of how Unity House impresses the first-time visitor and as fair warning to ILGWU members that others—outsiders having to pay a much higher rate—are casting eyes on the place.

ILGWU members: Block the Wall Street ruck! Get your 1957 Unity House reservations in early!

## Renewal Parleys and Politics Share Chicago ILG Spotlight

Upcoming negotiations, a newly organized shop and the echoes of politics share the union area in Chicago currently.

With the silk dress industry agreement expiring Oct. 1, the union and manufacturers' association are expected to meet shortly.

Representing the ILGWU in the arbitration proceedings was attorney Harold Schwartz and Wisconsin union representative Harry Bovishow.

On the political scene, with political action getting off with an early start in the Chicago area.

The 1956 Midwest ILGWU Campaign Committee has already been organized and is picking up steam. Heading the committee are Harry Meyer, chairman, and Vice Pres. Blais, treasurer.

The committee will raise voluntary contributions to help elect prober candidates.

### \$15,000 Award

Arbitrator Thomas F. Whelan of Milwaukee has made two awards totaling more than \$15,000, to 125 workers of Dougherty Industries, Inc. in New Richmond, Wis.

Compensation of the firm's failure to pay piece workers in accordance with a progression schedule. Pro workers won over \$400 because their seniority status was

## S'West Arbitrates Rice-Stix Underpay

The union's complaint against Rice-Stix, Inc. as a result of a recent lockout was scheduled to come up for arbitration last week, reports Vice Pres. Meyer Perlestein, Southwest regional director.

Dr. John T. Dunlop was to arbitrate the case, involving members of Minneapolis, Ill., Local 448.

Dr. Dunlop will also weigh the issue of underpayment of piece workers at the shop's Waterloo, Ill., plant.

Albert Phillips, a Rice-Stix officer at the company's Tazewell, Mo. shop, recently was awarded \$92.13 in back pay.

## Pay Adjustments, Unionizing On Crowded Minnesota Slate

Arbitration proceedings, a conference on wage adjustments and two new contracts currently are keeping ILGWU machinery whirling in Minnesota, reports Vice Pres. Meyer Perlestein, Southwest regional director.

When the off-banking Stet & Sons Co. of Wisconsin, Minn., again tried to delay talks for a wage adjustment, the union initiated arbitration proceedings, only to have the firm contend that the question was not arbitrable. Just as the union embarked on legal action, the company surrendered and agreed to participate in arbitration proceedings.

In Minneapolis, the Needleward Frocks Co. has been informed that wage adjustments are now due its workers. The wage-negotiating clause is included in the agreement between the union and the firm.

The pact, negotiated by Twin Cities Joint Board Manager Michael Finkelshtien, provides wage increases, better minimums, health and medical benefits and a number of other improvements.

Between the union and the new management which took over the firm in 1955. The union has asked that perils get under way soon on negotiations for pay hikes.

Meanwhile, agreements with two small sportswear firms in Minneapolis were pushed last month as Gove-Robert, Inc., and Robert M. Shank & Co. went union and joined the Minnesota Apparel Industries Association.

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## L.A. Dress Settlement Near; Embroidery Shops Going ILG

Protracted negotiations for a new agreement between the dress department of the Los Angeles Dress and Sportswear Joint Board and the California Sportswear and Dress Association are rapidly coming to a head, according to Vice Pres. Samuel Otto, Pacific Coast director.

## 1,000 UNDE WORKERS IN EASTON SHOPS ASK RISES, 35-HOUR WEEK

Negotiations have begun with nine major underwear firms in the Easton, Pa., area for renewal of agreements to include a reduction of the work-week to 35 hours and wage adjustments.

Vice Pres. David Gingsild, director of the Northeast Department, reports that union negotiators under direction of District Manager Orson S. Birken have presented demands calling for a 6 per cent across-the-board wage increase for the 1,000 workers in these plants.

In addition, they seek payment of time-and-a-half for all work after seven hours a day, plus a 10 per cent hike in employer contributions to the retirement fund.

Talks are being held with the following firms, with whom pacts expire on Sept. 1: Fountain Hill Undergarment Mills, Ex-Rite Linens, Marvel Maid Manufacturing Co., M. M. Bernstein & Sons, Harry Daniel, Inc., Downey Garment Co., Penn-Jersey Textile Co., Springfield Co., and Washington Products.

A union committee headed by Otto, Manager John H. Hous of the Los Angeles Dress and Sportswear Joint Board, and Assistant Manager Fannie Borax has held a number of meetings with Association representatives and reports that the parties are close to reaching a full accord.

Terms will include a substantial wage increase, paid holidays for piece workers as well as time workers, overtime pay for work after seven hours a day and 35 hours in a week for all workers, a second week's vacation, improvements in employer contributions to the retirement fund, and higher minimum wages for all crafts.

An enthusiastic membership meeting recently heard a report on the progress of negotiations and voted full confidence in the committee.

Two additional embroidery firms, Billmeyer and Marvel, have signed agreements with Associates Workers' Local 442. Otto reports. Negotiations also are under way with six other embroidery shops: Victory, Creative, Hamick, Decker, Perfect and Jeanette.

Also signed to an accessories agreement was Marver's Buttons and Pins Co. While Penn Dress Co. has penned a contract with the Dress and Sportswear Joint Board incorporating all provisions of the new master agreement.

## You Can't Vote in November Unless You're Registered!

Unless you are registered, you will not be able to cast your vote—which may be decisive—for labor-backed candidates in November pledged to a program for a better America.

Register now! The list below shows the closing date of registration in states where ILGWU members live. In most states, you can register immediately; don't wait for the final date.

And make sure your family, your shop mates, your neighbors are registered, too!

### STATE

California  
Kentucky  
Maryland

### DATE

Friday, Sept. 14  
Saturday, Sept. 15  
Saturday, Sept. 22 in Baltimore city and county, and other counties which have permanent registration. Tuesday, Oct. 9 in rest of state.  
Thursday, Sept. 27  
Monday, Sept. 17  
Friday, Sept. 7

New Jersey  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island

## N.Y. Cloak Organizers Enroll 37 Jobbers, Manufacturers

Organizing on an around-the-clock, year-round basis, aimed at keeping the industry fully unionized, brought 37 New York coat and suit manufacturers and jobbers into contractual relations with the Cloak Joint Board in the period from Jan. 31 to Aug. 10.

A comprehensive report of the Joint Board's Organization Department, submitted to the board's last meeting by Manager Max Horvitz, discloses that seven of these signed up with the Industrial Council Association, 18 with the Merchants Association, one with the Industrial and Children's Coat Association, and 11 signed independent agreements.

In addition, a total of 48 contractors, brought into the union fold during the period, joined the American Association.

## START APPLICATIONS FOR CLOAK PENSIONS

Applications for 1957 cloak pensions must be filed by Sept. 15, Harry Krugman, manager of the New York Cloak Retirement Fund, has announced.

Aug. 1 is the starting date for applications. Members filing for the first time should apply at the office of the cloak body to which they belong. Workers who have applied previously should go directly to the office of the retirement fund. New Broadway, 12th floor, in order to renew their applications. All retirements, except those for permanent and total disability, will take place January 1, 1957.

An applicant for retirement must be at least 60 years of age by Sept. 1, and must have worked in the industry during 30 of the last 35 years, the last 10 of which must have been continuous for one employer who contributed to the retirement fund.

## More Than a Billion Are Working in World

GENEVA.—According to information compiled by the International Labor Organization, the world has a working population of more than a billion persons. Some two fifths of the world's population of about 2.7 billion persons are actively engaged in producing goods and services.

# WORK AROUND THE WORLD



FRANCE—Building and construction booms have marked post-war years in many countries. These French workers are shown reconstructing vital seaport.



INDIA—Bearded steel worker in Burnpur uses crow-bar to loosen valve on a 1,200-degree furnace in a steel plant used in Damodar Valley river system.



KENYA—United States, Canada and Great Britain are chief consumers of sisal made from plant's sharp tip from which this worker is shown slashing.



THAILAND—Rice is the staff of life for millions in Asia, and its production involves sunbaked labor. Sunshaded worker is using arms and legs in replanting.



ENGLAND—A British woman textile worker operates a ribbon lap machine which prepares laps (a lap is a fleece of yarn) for the combing machine. The laps consist of black viscose and bright viscose (rayon) in equal quantities. In recent years, the vast British textile industry has sought to retain its lead position through new machinery.



CEYLON—The hot sun beats down on these workers harvesting salt at the Elephant Pass salt works in Ceylon. Vital to life, the salt is gathered in with long scoopers. Ceylon, a large island with dominion status in the Indian Ocean, is rich in minerals and metals. Industrial production has grown since the end of World War II.



NIGERIA—Women workers use power-driven machine reamers which first cut oranges in half then press each half on reamer for juicing. Nigeria, in Western Africa, is the largest British colonial territory. It has oil, rich tin and lead industries and does a large export trade in oils, cotton lints, cocoa, skins and hides and rubber.





**MEXICO**—Pottery making is an important industry in Mexico, though it has remained largely in handicraft stage. Worker in Tlaxiuntlan paints plate.



**INDIA**—The huge Dhakeswari cotton mills in Suryanagar, established in 1951, employs 1,500 and makes 20,000 yards of shirting and sari goods in 16 hours.



**WALES**—Welshmen are hard workers whose lives are filled with labor, poverty and song. Many are miners. Others work open hearth furnaces, such as this one at Ebbw Vale in South Wales, which is used to convert iron into steel. This furnace, heated by gas or oil, is charged with scrap, pig-iron and limestone in back-breaking stint.



**INDIA**—This foundry worker in Calcutta uses his hands and feet and primitive tools to do his work. New methods and machinery now are being introduced.



**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**—Craft weavers have sought to meet competition from machine-made fabrics by widening their looms used in widespread homework.



**BOLIVIA**—These miners work in the Milluni mine, 15,000 feet high in the Andes mountains. Mining is basic to Bolivia, third largest tin producer.



**BURMA**—This kind of foot-powered potters' wheel has kept turning down through the ages. Most of the 3,000 families in Twarte are pottery makers.



**MIDDLE EAST**—In the nations that lie between Asia and Africa, this scene of primitive farming is typical. These Arab farmers use a camel and cattle to break through hard Palestinian soil. Their implements and methods have been unchanged for centuries, and are in sharp contrast with the modern farming system in Israel.

**A**CROSS the world, men are bound by a common burden of work. In all ages and in all places, they have scratched the surface of the earth to make it yield the staff of life. They have manipulated its fruits and its minerals to make by hand and by machine the things they wear, the homes in which they live, the power with which they supplement the strength of their muscles.

On this Labor Day, as on all work days, a powerful dream moves working men and women in all corners of the earth. Regardless of color, regardless of creed, they cling to the hope of driving out of their lives the fears of hunger, homelessness and disease, and of supplanting these with the full measure of life, leisure and security that science and technology have made possible in our century.

On these pages are pictured men and women who speak of that dream and that hope in a variety of languages. But whether they work in the fields or shops of Africa, Asia, Europe or South America, when they talk about their work in whatever language they know, they all talk about the same thing—a bigger return for the labor of their bodies and their brains, a larger share of the product of their skills and their endurance for their families, an increase in the freedom and the leisure which they seek for themselves and their children.

There are places on this earth where huge masses are moving toward these goals through the exercise of democratic freedoms. But, as we mark a great labor holiday in America, there are other millions held in dictatorial bondage who share their dreams in secret and speak their messages of hope and solidarity in whispers. For them, as for us, the path to a better world is marked by freedom—and work.

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United Nations  
British Information Services



**EAST AFRICA**—Tanganyika and Kenya are the chief producers of sisal fibre used in making rope and cord. Sisal was first introduced to East Africa in 1893 when 83 small plants, the survivors of 1,000 shipped from Florida, were sufficient to start this major African industry. These workers are straightening the yarns of the fibre.

# Democrats Name Adlai, Estes; Map Campaign

(Continued from Page 1)

his popular vote of 33,936,000 to Stevenson's 27,315,000, and electoral vote of 412 to 89. On the other hand, the Republicans can find little to brag about their vote-getting prowess since 1932. Even in that year, the Democratic vote for the House topped the Republican vote by 175,000.

Since 1952, however, the GOP continued losing in Congress contests, until the Democrats, in 1954, regained control of the House, 232 to 203, and of the Senate, 49 to 47. In 1953 and 1954 the Democrats wrested nine governorships from the Republicans—including those of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maine and Minnesota—and lost none. The Democrats now have 27 Governors to 21 for the Republicans.

Can the Democrats, clearly riding a wave of steady Congressional successes for the past four years, be halted in the 1956 try to recapture the White House? The managers of the Stevenson-Kefauver drive prefer to believe that the clear-cut differences in the political climate between 1952 and 1956 promise to make this one a real contest.

They figure, and not without realism that the collapse of the McCarthy movement, aided and abetted by the Nixon-propelled "numbers racket," has cut the nightmarish "Communist" in government issue to minor proportions. They calculate further that the 11 states of

the South, which account for 128 electoral votes—almost half of the 266 needed for election—will not defect to Eisenhower on the scale of 1952, when he took four states—including Texas. Despite some local grunts and threats about the civil rights plank, the South appears to be ready to stay with the Democratic nominees.

Some GOP orators, undoubtedly, will attempt to revive the corruption issue, as ex-Governor Dewey of New York already attempted in his speech to the GOP delegates in San Francisco, but the resignation under fire of former Air Force Secretary Talbot, the Dixey-Yates scandal, and a flock of other "conflict-of-interest" resignations of Eisenhower appointees have furnished Democratic campaign managers with abundant rebuttal material.

The Chicago convention took Stevenson at his word that he wanted a free and open choice for the second place of the ticket and concluded that Estes Kefauver, despite strong opposition from some Southern delegations, would bring it to the Democratic ticket more than compensatory strength in the farm areas of the Midwest.

The convention took the Kefauver addition to Stevenson with real enthusiasm. This choice has the virtue of rounding out a Democratic ticket that is designed to provide the greatest possible contrast to the Eisenhower ticket. And tied up

very vividly with the second-place on the ticket is the issue of President Eisenhower's health—an issue the Republican command has been audaciously shying away from or minimizing for nearly a year.

The contrast between Nixon and Kefauver may well be the basis of choice for millions of independent voters in the November elections. Nixon's uneasy methods of campaigning in his native California long before 1952; his \$18,000 "expense fund" during that year, and his below-the-belt campaign ethics in the Congressional elections of 1954, have not endeared him to the hearts of the 1952 "Eisenhower Democrats."

The odds, in the face of Ike's medical history, that Nixon may succeed Eisenhower if the Republican ticket is elected are larger, in the popular estimate, than that Kefauver may succeed Stevenson in the event of a Democratic victory. Under the circumstances, the proposition that "a vote for Ike is a vote for Nixon" for the Presidency may well assume the dimensions of a prairie fire.

Finally, not the least positive ingredient of the emerging Stevenson-Kefauver strategy is wrapped up in the fact that the Republicans still are very much a minority party, a party that cannot win national elections without the aid of independent or unaffiliated voters. They cannot do it even with the preponderant support of most of the country's news-

paper owners, as FDR proved four times in succession. The Republican masterminds have no illusions about it either, and their frantic efforts to present to the world—and to America's independent voters in particular—a "new" and less loathsome Richard M. Nixon, is too obviously a "dry-cleaning job," as Adlai Stevenson termed it the other day, too much of a bareface piece of political make-up to fool or bait too many people.

It would, nonetheless, be unfair and politically wrong to impote to Stevenson the illusion that the impending 1956 election would be a walkover for himself or his party in the Senate, where it now he; but a slim working majority. Stevenson has learned a lot since 1952 of the art and crafts inherent in a slugging match against a political group which is out to win, by fair means or foul. Stevenson and his managers know equally well that they could not hope to match campaign funds with what big money and big industry leaders are prepared to spend for the success of Eisenhower.

A rugged, harsh fight is clearly in sight, but Adlai Stevenson is keyed up to wage a vigorous, challenging battle in which he hopes to keep his opponent strictly on the defensive, as often as possible, all the way to election.

(Max D. Danish is the former editor of JUSTICE, who retired in 1951.)

## Southeast Asks Ballot At 2 Holeproof Plants

The Southeast Region has filed petitions with the National Labor Relations Board for representation elections at the Holeproof-Julius Kayser plants in Haleyville and Athens, Alabama, reports Regional Director E. T. Kehr.

Employing more than 750 workers in production of lingerie, these shops have been the target of intensive campaigns during the past year.

When ILOUW organizers first came in to Haleyville, a company-inspired mob ferociously drove them out of town. Following an outdoor labor rally, attended by members of more than 30 Alabama unions, interest in and support for the union increased.

An organizing committee from inside the shop began working openly on behalf of the union in October 1955. Since that time, the campaign has developed steadily.

Meanwhile, in Athens, support for the union has grown steadily as organizers and visiting committees from the nearby organized shop of the same firm in Cullman told Athens workers about union conditions and benefits.

"It is very likely the company, under the direction of one of the

highest paid labor-fighting attorneys in the South, will try to stall the election," stated Kehr, "but we are confident that the Haleyville and Athens workers are too firmly committed to the ILOUW to permit company tactics to thwart their determination to win union terms."

Organizers Thomas Cline and R. C. Hallmarks are in charge of the Athens campaign, while William von Bach and Wayman Mitchell are guiding the Haleyville drive.

## Strikers' Ranks Solid at Spartan

The strike of more than 100 workers against unfair labor practices of Spartan Undies, Spartanburg, South Carolina, continues unabated in its sixth week, reports Director E. T. Kehr of the Southeast Region.

Strikers' morale is at a high level, as various attempts of the company to resume normal operations have failed.

Commenting on company claims that strong opposition from local business interests was the major reason for its not settling with the ILOUW, Kehr countered that while "most Southern communities do not embrace unionism enthusiastically, employers who are ready to fulfill their obligations to their workers do get local antagonism stand in their way. It is only a question of time until Spartan Undies faces up to the fact that it cannot avoid dealing with the union."

## Fall Cloak Season Busy; Spring Showing Slated

New York cloak shops, especially in the better line of merchandise, have been quite busy for weeks, reflecting the generally favorable condition of the current season, Henoch Mendelsund, assistant to the general manager, informed the board of directors of the Cloak Joint Board at its recent meeting.

Initial orders placed by buyers have been larger than in past years, and customer response to new fall fashions also has been very good, he indicated. However, he emphasized that the length and intensity of the season would depend on the volume of reorders.

Mendelsund voiced the expectation that, following the interruption of production during the period of Labor Day and the Jewish holidays, the placement of reorders would assure

an extended season.

Cautioning against excessive optimism, he pointed out that the joint board's membership now is smaller, so that there are fewer persons among whom to divide the available work—amounting, in part, for the general improvement.

**Finishers Pleased**

As a result of the favorable situation, Local 9 has been able to place most of its unemployed finishers on jobs—in contrast to the conditions that prevailed in former seasons, when finishers were especially hard hit by lack of work. The situation is even better in other crafts, and there is an actual shortage of operators.

While they are still busy on fall work, the better-line firms already are making preparations for the next spring season, Mendelsund reported.

The Fashion Originators Guild of America, composed of a group of better-line houses, has fixed Oct. 15 as the date of the opening of spring-line showings. This is more than two weeks earlier than a year ago.

This policy of early openings has worked very well for the present season, and manufacturers are hopeful that it will prove beneficial for the spring season as well.

**Nogler Recovery Rapid**

Topping the good news at the meeting was the report that General Manager Isidor Nogler is making rapid progress toward full recovery after recent surgery, and Mendelsund voiced the expectation that Nogler would resume his full duties very shortly. Despite his physical absence, the cloak chief continues to exercise the influence of the joint board with keen interest.

## Gernes Guarantee Sealed in Good Faith



Fifty weeks of employment are guaranteed in recent agreement penned with Gernes Garment Co. in Kansas City. Above, management's Paul Wilson (seated) seals compact with a handshake with Charles Kaef, representing workers whose committee includes left to right: Mary Day, Joe Topfner, Beulah Laster, Edith Clavinger, Hazel Bay, Marie Van, Carlette Garlin and South-west Regional Staffer Jerry Perlstein.

## Gingold on Visit To Europe, Israel

Vice Pres. David Gingold, director of Top Northeast Department, was honored at a luncheon given by the National Committee for Labor Israel on Aug. 30, prior to his leaving for an extended tour of Europe and Israel.

Laying on Sept. 8, Gingold will survey the free labor movements during 10 days in Israel and some three weeks in Europe, especially Italy, France and England.

During his stay in Israel, Gingold will take part in ceremonies dedicating a district clinic in Kiryat Simchon, which is being built by Kupat Cholim, the health organization of Hahadut.

## Raising Money (and Hope) for Korean Kids



Employers and workers at Adolph Zelinka Co. teamed up to raise \$250 for Korean children at annual shop party in New York. Above, Cloak Joint Board Business Agent Jack Keye accepts check from Vincent Pizuto (right), shop chairman, as surrounded by his workers, employer Zelinka looks over the shoulders of his partner, Joe Jackson (holding map) and Harry Fine, manager of Cloak Joint Board of Merchants-American Department.

## N'East Pact at Carter Bolsters Job Security

Provisions for safeguarding the jobs of some 600 employees of the William Carter Co. have been bolstered further by terms of a strengthened "security of employment" clause in the agreement renewal signed by the Northeast Department, reports Vice Pres. David Ginsgold, department director.

The new pact, covering the firm's plants in Springfield and Gilbertville, Mass., stipulates that, in the next five-year period, there will be no reduction of work in this area as the result of the company's establishing new shops elsewhere.

In the event of any contraction of the work force, cutbacks will be made by the same percentage in Southern as well as Northern operations of the firm.

### Raises for All

In addition to the stronger job security clause, the Carter

renewal calls for boosts in workers' earnings by an average of 5 per cent, and raises of 9 per cent in union workers' wages. Further, the employer will pay an additional one-half of 1 per cent contribution to health and welfare funds.

Other improvements include tightened procedures for settlement of piece-work grievances and more clearly defined seniority rights to fully protect employees during temporary or permanent layoffs and job transfers.

Northeast negotiators included Director Ginsgold, Field Supervisor Jack Halpern, District Manager Ralph Roberts, Assistant Manager Jack Albano, Business Agent Norman Elger and a committee of workers from the plants.

## ESCALATOR PROVISIO NETS HIKE FOR ALL AT AR-CEL GARMENT

Workers at the Ar-Cel Garment Co. of Columbia, Mo., won wage raises last month under the escalator provision of their union agreement, reports Vice Pres. Meyer Perstein, Southwest regional director.

A 10-cent hourly increase was scored for cutters, while all other time workers gained 7½ cents an hour. Piece workers were granted a 10 per cent boost.

The company also agreed to pay all workers July 4 holiday pay which had been withheld from them. Negotiations were conducted by staffers Frank Rothen and Ann Rafter for the union.

In St. Louis, a tentative agreement providing for wage hikes and higher minimums was reached with the Missouri Quilting Co. The pending pact, which includes health, welfare and other improvements, is the result of the organizational drive now being waged in St. Louis under Jerome Perlin's direction.

## Bridgeport EO Takes 10-Year Berna Holdout

Berna Lingerie Co. of Bridgeport, Conn., a ten-year holdout against unionization, finally capitulated and joined the ranks of union shops after an intensive organizational campaign, reports Vice Pres. Israel Horowitz, general manager of the Eastern Out-of-Town Department.

The target of periodic campaigns under the direction of Sam Jania, manager of the Connecticut locals, and Jerry Freeman, business agent, this underwear firm for a decade had been representative of a hard core of firms in the Bridgeport area which balked at unionization.

Organization of this plant marks the first break-through in a long time in the vicinity, and it is expected to provide a stimulus and an opening for a general campaign on a much broader basis.

Major support in bringing the campaign to a successful conclusion was supplied by Executive Vice Pres. Louis Stulberg and Matthew Schoenwald, acting manager of Local 40, New York Department and Negligee Workers.

### Win 35 Hours

Working conditions and standards will be identified with those enjoyed by New York City undergarment workers as the employer joined the appropriate undergarment association which is in contractual relations with the union on an industry-wide basis.

Primary gain for the workers was a reduction in working hours from 40 to 35, coupled with a compensating wage increase.

Prior to unionization none of the workers received any holidays with pay. Under terms of the pact, this year all work workers will receive three paid holidays, and effective July 1, 1957, the paid holidays will be extended to piece workers.

In addition, all employees will be covered by the complete and well-rounded health, welfare and retirement program sponsored by the union. Overtime pay will be in line with the practice in the New York underwear industry, and minimum wages will be no less than those paid underwear workers employed in New York City union shops.

Helen O'Callan was designated chairlady for the new shop, whose members have headquarters with Level 223 in Bridgeport.

## HERBERT SYME DEAD; PHILA. ILG ATTORNEY

M. Herbert Syme, ILOWU counsel in Philadelphia, died on Aug. 17 at the age of 50.

He set legal precedents which influenced labor law throughout the country. One instance which influenced the Goldstein-Levin case in 1936, which established the legal responsibility of employers in arbitration cases. More recently, he won the Rosinsky case, which confirmed the responsibility of an employer who leaves an association, as well as his obligation to accept decisions of an impartial arbitrator.

In a message to Mrs. Kathie Syme, Pres. David Dubinsky stated he was "shocked and deeply grieved at the untimely passing of your husband and our colleague and good friend. In his all too brief life, he rendered the labor movement and his community yeoman service. To you and your family I extend, for myself and for the ILGWU, heartfelt sympathy and condolences."

In addition to his services with the ILGWU, Syme also was counsel for the Central Labor Union of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, and other AFL-CIO units. He was chairman of the Governor's Commission on Labor Legislation and a member of the Philadelphia Board of Health.

## Fraternal Order Honors ILG For Action on Human Rights

In recognition of the ILGWU's pioneering role in advocating job opportunities for all people and in general efforts for human rights, the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World last month presented the union with an "Award of Merit."

Occasion for the award—the first given by the Negro Elks to a labor organization—was the Civil Liberties Day of the group's 57th annual convention held in Los Angeles during the last week of August.

According to Judge Hobson R. Reynolds, grand director of the Elks' Department of Civil Liberties, the Grand Lodge had made an extensive survey of all labor organizations and had concluded that the ILGWU's record in this field was outstanding. Therefore, the Elks had decided to make the ILGWU the first recipient of what will be an annual award.

In his letter to Pres. David Dubinsky announcing the award, Judge Reynolds explained that the citation had been established to give recognition to a labor union which "through its policy of accepting as members all persons who qualify, has made it possible for persons of all creeds, races and national origins to find gainful employment."

Designated by Pres. Dubinsky to accept the award for the ILGWU, Vice Pres. Samuel Olio, Pacific Coast director, expressed the union's appreciation for the honor of being selected as the first recipient of the merit award.

He reviewed ILGWU efforts in working for equality, and pointed out that this concept was one of the cardinal principles of the union.

## Machinery of Solidarity



Tom Mboya, 26-year-old Kenya labor leader, tries his hand at a sewing machine with some coaching from members of ILGWU's Training Institute of union's General Offices. Mr. Mboya, here under auspices of American Committee on Africa for lecture tour and to confer with labor and community leaders, spoke at Unity House last month. He is a candidate for the Kenya Legislative Council.

# AFL-CIO in Session at United House Labor Chiefs Establish Recommendations for Ethical Practices Code

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on provisions of the AFL-CIO constitution adopted last year with provided specific procedures for keeping the new federation free of corrupt influences.

In the case of the Distillery Workers Union, the Ethical Practices Committee told the Executive Council it had concluded the "published reports provide a sufficient reason to believe" that the union "may be dominated or substantially influenced by corrupt influence in violation of the constitution of the AFL-CIO and therefore subject to suspension by the Executive Council under the provisions of Art. VIII, Sec. 7. The committee therefore recommends to the AFL-CIO Executive Council that the Distillery, Rectifying and Wine Workers International Union be removed from the AFL-CIO for cause before the Ethical Practices Committee, including a hearing if requested by the union, the Distillery, Rectifying and Wine Workers International Union should not be suspended from the AFL-CIO pursuant to the provision of the constitution above mentioned."

## Four-Hour Discussion

The decision to endorse the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket was made by the council on the second day of its meeting, but not before a discussion which lasted for four hours.

After the discussion, the council made its recommendation on the basis of the candidates and their platforms. The committee said that final action should be taken by a meeting of the AFL-CIO General Board. Pres. Meany announced that the committee's body of about 175 members including Executive Council members, and presidents or responsible officers of affiliated unions on the second day of its meeting, would meet at Chicago Sept. 12.

## General Board to Act

The sole item on the general board agenda will be the question of political endorsement. Pres. Meany told reporters he felt not the slightest doubt that the general board would accept the council endorsement.

Twenty-four of the council's 28 members were present at the session.

As the morning session discussion lengthened, it became clear a second session would be required. At the afternoon, the council moved quickly toward its decision after Pres. Duhinsky urged that the discussion should be kept on the following two questions:

1. Whether the council should make any recommendation at all.
2. Whether it should move to

## Stevenson Assails Ike's Labor Policy

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ing men and women. "It will be my aim to conduct the Presidency that at the end of my service each of you could honestly say he has been fair," he has been my friend.

"The working people of this country have had four years in which to judge the premises and promises of Mr. Eisenhower, and they have now rendered their judgment. The verdict is no secret. The reason is that the first President Eisenhower has backed down on his promise to amend the Taft-Hartley Act; secondly, he has refused to join the National Labor Relations Board against labor; third, opposed the Democrats' fight for a fair minimum wage.

"It is by no means the total indictment of the Eisenhower Administration in this field. The plain fact is that in any sane labor boss and worker, it is now clear that General Eisenhower has only a deaf ear for labor."

endorse the Democratic nominees, Stevenson and Kefauver. On both questions the vote was affirmative but not unanimous.

Meany said he had the impression, as a result of the council's discussion, that a majority of the members felt the Democratic platform was more favorable than the Republicans' "pro position." But, he noted, there was some criticism of weakness in the policy statements of each party.

## Support Labor's Friends

"Stevenson and Kefauver certainly meet the test of people who are labor's friends," Meany stated. A failure to recommend endorsement of Stevenson and Kefauver would have had the effect of weakening support for liberal, pro-labor candidates for Senate and House, in the viewpoint of the supporters of endorsement, Meany declared. It was generally conceded, Pres. Meany said, that labor has more influence in the Democratic Party than in the Republican Party.

He emphasized that the council's action was no departure from labor's traditional policy of supporting friends and punishing enemies. "It does not constitute, by any standard, tying the labor movement to the Democratic Party," he said.

The general board, which will make the formal endorsement, is a constitutional body meeting at least once each year. The Sept. 12 session will be its first. Under the AFL-CIO constitution it sets policy matters brought by the Executive Council and the Executive Officers.

At the council's unanimous adoption of the ethical practice statement, Pres. Meany said that the issuance of local union ethical codes by the AFL-CIO to groups of workers building a new union had proved at various times to be a "bare apot." Cases had been found of people with charters in their possession whose purpose was to use them for corrupt practices, Meany declared.

"Meany agreed that the purpose of the statement approved by the council was that any union is not to be considered a form of cloak to hide corrupt practices, or to 'protect people' from engaging in practices inimical to the prestige and welfare of trade union members."

The pre-merger AFL, Meany recalled, was "permeated by corrupt influences, the council kept pace with the dramatic developments of the Victor Riesel case. Pres. Meany recalled the long fight against him, expressed many times before, that those responsible for the outrageous attack that blinded the labor collective would be apprehended and would be made to pay the full penalty for the crime.

Following a meeting of the Committee on Political Education, the council approved plans for a major campaign by COPE not only in behalf of the labor movement, but also to insure increased registration of voters for the November elections. The Executive Council was urged to call for a conference on civil rights at a future date. Leo Milton, president of the Glass Bottle Blowers Union, was elected a member of the Executive Council to fill the vacancy caused by death of Matthew Wozniak.

## COUNCIL REPORTERS VOICE APPRECIATION

At its final session on Aug. 30, the AFL-CIO Executive Council adopted two resolutions expressing the deep appreciation of the members for the fine efforts made in behalf of their comfort by ILOUW Pres. Duhinsky and by the entire staff of Unity House. The council declared that on "behalf of all its members and the headquarters staff, publicly and confidentially express its deep appreciation and thanks to its gracious hosts, Pres. David Duhinsky and the ILOUW."

"Never has there been a more thoughtful host and never have we at all well entertained as we have at Unity House. Our every want has been satisfied, our every wish anticipated."

"To Pres. Duhinsky and his associates for the operation of Unity House and to every member of the staff of Unity House, we express our deep appreciation. We have been treated like brothers and we enjoyed every minute of it."

## Press Corps Thanks

For their part, members of the press corps drew up a resolution which they submitted to the council. In it they said: "We, the undersigned members of the working press, would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and deep appreciation to the International Laborers' Garment Workers' Union and to David Duhinsky for the warm hospitality shown each of us during our thoroughly enjoyable stay here. We have done our best for you. And, as usual, the cooperation of the AFL-CIO staff—Phil Peary, Fisher and all the staff—was most helpful and worthy of commendation... we have found a home here."

The resolution was signed by: Fred W. Perkins, Scripps-Howard; Rodney Crowther, Baltimore Sun; Tom Healy, Bureau of National Affairs; John A. Griffin, The Washington Post; Harry Tolson, Philadelphia Bulletin; Felix Cotter, New York Herald Tribune; Joseph L. Smith, Jr., Times; Maureen Goshlin, United Press; Victor Riesel, Post-Hill Syndicate; Linton M. Oak, Voice of America; Robert Levin, Chicago Daily News; Norman Walker, Associated Press; Robert Redoli, N. Y. Herald Tribune; Harry Conn, Press Association; Ted Hall, News News; Mitchell Levitas, N. Y. Post; Bob Cooney, Labor Daily; John Herlihy, Associated Press; George Morris, Labor Letter; J. Vogel, Jewish Daily Forward; Althea Lauren, The Detroit News; Spencer W. Smith, St. Louis Post-Dispatch; James I. McKenna, Voice of America.

## Reinitz to Direct Industrial Council

Bertram Reinitz was named executive director of the Industrial Council of Clark, St. Louis and St. Paul. Reinitz, who has been in the garment industry for 15 years, succeeding late Samuel Klein. Previously, Reinitz had been the council's public relations officer. The Industrial Council is the organization of "inside shop" manufacturers in the New York east of New York area. From our many years of association, I am confident you will continue the policies of friendly relations between the council and our union and which have rebounded to the benefit of labor and management."

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to it that the purpose of issuing local union charters is to promote the general welfare of workers. "Therefore, the Ethical Practices Committee, under the authority vested in it by the constitution of the AFL-CIO and pursuant to the provisions of the first constitutional convention of the AFL-CIO, recommends that the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO adopt the following policies to safeguard the good name of the AFL-CIO and its affiliated unions and to prevent any latent or possibility of corruption in the issuance of local union charters:

- "A local union charter, whether issued by the AFL-CIO or by any national or international union affiliated with the AFL-CIO, should be a solemn instrument establishing a subordinate or affiliated body. To assure this, the AFL-CIO should national and international union, a constitution or administrative regulation, should require, for issuance of a local union charter, by application by a group of bona fide employees, eligible for membership in the union, within the jurisdiction covered by the charter.
- "The purpose of local union charters should be to promote the general welfare of workers and to give recognition to their joining together in a subordinate or affiliated body.
- "No 'Hunting License' "A charter should never be issued or permitted to continue in effect for a 'local' not existing or functioning as a genuine local union of employees. "A charter should never be issued to persons who are known to traffic in local union charters for illicit or improper purposes.
- "The AFL-CIO constitution prohibiting the AFL-CIO and any affiliated national or international union from recognizing any subordinate organization that has been suspended or expelled by the AFL-CIO or any national or international union plainly indicates and prohibits the issuance of a local union charter by the AFL-CIO or any affiliated national or international union to any group of individuals or any individual or individuals expelled from the AFL-CIO or any affiliated national or international union for corruption or unethical practices.
- "The AFL-CIO and each na-

## Raise Puerto Rico Garment Minimums

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must be direct concern to the welfare of the workers in the carrying on of machines sewing in the homes make it virtually impossible to control wages in these areas and other areas of workers which the law seeks to regulate."

Among the several increases in minimums recommended by the Industrial Committee were: 10 cents in infants' and children's wear to 35 cents an hour for hand embroidery and 40 cents an hour for other operations; a raise in undergarments to 35 cents on hand sewing and 40 cents on other work; 40 cents for dress and neckwear were raised to 40 cents on hand embroidery and 40 cents for other operations, while in knitted sweaters the minimums were increased from 30 to 37 1/2 cents an hour. On numerous products, a 34-cent minimum was set.

tional and international union shall take prompt action to eliminate any loop-holes through which local union charters have been or can be issued, or permitted to continue in effect contrary to these policies. "The AFL-CIO and each national and international union shall take prompt action to insure the forthwith withdrawal of local union charters which have been issued and are now outstanding in violation of these policies."

## ILG'S HEALTHMOBILE ON EMERGENCY DUTY

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ber to many parts of the island. Workers employed by Gordonville in Cayer, by Hilar in Arechibo, by Tico in Coamo found themselves homeless.

ILGWU Local 696 immediately set up emergency headquarters in the town of Yabucoa, where the mobile unit was arranged for aid from Local 21 and other mainland unions.

The unit arrived in Yabucoa, only to find the town in complete ruin, with no water, electricity or light, its hospital without power. The unit drew the sick and injured and began rendering its humanitarian services at once.

## Tour Stricken Areas

Vice Pres. Zimmerman, with Dr. Peter ILGWU research director, and a number of Puerto Rican officials toured the stricken areas and witnessed the field operations of the ILGWU Mobile Health Unit under emergency conditions.

Wherever the unit moved about the island on its mission of aid, it found the people in a state of confusion and alarm. Throughout the island, the word is spreading about the union which sent the "Healthmobile" to help them to help in a moment of tragedy.

Voicing appreciation for the vital service performed by the ILGWU unit, the Puerto Rican Secretary of Labor, wrote Zimmerman on Aug. 14:

"The trip we took yesterday through the stricken areas was certainly a sad experience for all of us. For me, however, it was a truly inspiring sight. That was the Mobile Health Center of the International Laborers' Garment Workers' International Union in operation at Albion."

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you and through you Mr. Duhinsky and the other officials of your union for the work you have always shown on behalf of Puerto Rico and its workers."

"Your personal interest and immediate action in decision to place the mobile unit at the disposition of the Puerto Rico Civil Defense authorities typifies your ever generous attitude and concern with people and their problems. I just wanted to express my thanks. "These extend my felicitations to the great work of the crew members of the mobile unit."

## Local 20 Retirement Filing Starting Sept. 10

Eligible members of Local 20, New York Waterproof Garment Workers, may file applications for retirement starting Sept. 10, until the end of the month, Manager Joseph Kessler announced.

Eligible members must be 65 years old and must have been employed in shops under contract with the ILGWU for 20 or more years. The last day of the last 10 must have been consecutive.

Applications can be filed by coming to the union office, 270 West 39th St., after 1 P.M.

## CUTTERS COLUMN

# NLRB Okay on Cutters' Unit Hailed as Aid to Organizing

A recent decision by the National Labor Relations Board concerning cutters as a voting unit in a garment shop constitutes an important victory for the union and will facilitate organization work, Vice Pres. Moe Falkman, manager of Local 10 reports.

The board's decision, made on Aug. 3, reaffirmed an established and beyond further dispute the doctrine that "cutters in the garment industry are a skilled, homogeneous group and, as such, constitute an appropriate unit" for collective bargaining purposes, and directed an election among the cutters as requested by the ILOWU. The employer's contention that an election must be held in the entire plant or not at all was rejected.

**Union's Choice** — According to Morris Glushten, ILOWU general counsel, who handled the case, the board's decision gives the union the choice of petitioning either for an election among the cutters or of all the workers in the shop.

He said that it was sometimes necessary to use to obtain a separate NLRB election among cutting department employees in order to win a contract for them with improved wage and working conditions. This example of the benefits of union organization once paved the way, in a short time, to organization of the rest of the shop.

While the case involved a corset manufacturing concern in New Haven, Conn., an area serviced by the Eastern Out-of-Town Department, it has general application and could be helpful in organizing work in New York or any other area. Incidentally, the shop in question employs about 300 workers including 28 regular and 12 miscellaneous cutters.

**Liberal Campaigns** — The local campaign committee to support the Liberal Party ticket in the coming election is being organized. The committee will seek to enlist the aid of hundreds of cutters in all the boroughs of New York City in behalf of candidates supporting the principles and program of the labor and liberal movement.

Cutters are expected to work through their neighborhood Liberal Party clubs. As in the past, they will ring doorbells, distribute literature, arrange meetings and raise funds. On election day they will serve as watchers to insure an honest election.

Cutters are urged to volunteer their services to help bring about a victory for the liberal cause this November.

## Class Example

Commenting on the fact that two cutters' locals in St. Louis have decided to establish a class in pattern grading similar to those

## West Mass. Confab Scans Union Gains

Noteworthy achievements in organization work and union activity reported by Vice Pres. David O'Grady, director of the Northeast Department, following his meeting with the District Council of Western Massachusetts. The council, composed of shop representatives from the Worcester, Springfield, and Holyoke areas, occurred during the week in which the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor was meeting.

Various representatives and staff members, headed by District Manager Ralph Roberts, detailed in their reports the extended organizing drives which had netted outstanding gains both in working conditions and signing of new shops.

## Regular Meeting

Monday, Sept. 24

### Submission of Financial Report

organized by Local 10. Manager Falkman said he was proud and pleased to hear that the initiative of the New York cutters apparently was being emulated elsewhere.

He voiced the hope that the St. Louis venture would be as successful as that of Local 10, which is entering its second year of service starting next month. Applications for the courses are being received by Harry Shapiro, secretary to the executive board, who is in charge of arrangements for the various classes. Instructors again will be Sal St. George and Bob Cohen, members of Local 10, who are outstanding in the field and are licensed to teach by the New York City Board of Education.

## FIRST TORONTO PACT AT WINDSOR TEXTILE SPARKS UNION SPURT

A first agreement with Windsor Textiles has spelled the end of the vacation season and has renewed organization activity in the Toronto area. According to Manager Sam Kraisman.

Gains scored for some 90 workers include a general wage increase of 8 per cent; employer-contributed vacation benefits of 2 per cent of payroll with vacations of up to two weeks for workers with more than five years' service; a 25-cent increase in minimum starting rates; two paid holidays; and impartial chairman machinery.

The two-year pact also provides for a wage-promoting clause after one year.

## Sport Renewal

On another front, the union is now preparing for the renewal of its agreement with the Toronto Sportswear Manufacturers' Association. Special meetings of the various crafts are being held to ascertain members' views on demands for the new pact, and the executive board has had several sessions on formulating renewal terms.

## INVOKE ARBITRATION ON CORSET AND BRA DEMANDS FOR RISES

Arbitration has been invoked by Corset and Brassieres Workers' Local 22 and Cutters' Local 10 in their dispute with the Toronto Corset and Brassieres Manufacturers' Association, reports Abraham Snyder, manager of Local 22.

Union demands include a general wage increase, three additional paid holidays and a boost in employer contributions for the retirement fund. The collective agreement provides for the union's right to open negotiations this year for such items.

Union - management conferences began last spring, and last month the union decided to arbitrate the three points. Accordingly, impartial Chairman Isaac Siegmater was notified, and the first hearing was set for Aug. 29.

## All Aboard for Liberalism



All decked out for annual boathire, sponsored by Liberal Party Club of Local 22, these dressmakers flank Vice Pres. Charles S. Zimmerman, manager of local, as they post their standard before cruising up the Hudson to Bear Mountain. At left is Business Agent Saby Nehama. More than 3,000 dressmakers and their families enjoyed the trip, sparked a get-out-the-vote drive en route.

## New York Recreation Center Resumes Activities Sept. 18

The 1956-57 program of recreation activities for members of New York ILOWU locals will get under way on Tuesday, Sept. 18, Education Director Mark Starr announced.

A wide variety of activities will be available to members every Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 8 to 9 P.M., at the ILOWU Education-Recreation Center at Texile High School, 351 West 18th St. under direction of Sol Rosenber.

These include dancing, basketball, swimming, volleyball, badminton and calisthenics. Skilled instructors will be on hand to aid beginners; both the swimming pool and the gym provide ample space for garment workers' after-work outings.

A number of locals have arranged to bring groups of their members to the center to form basketball teams, such as those set up previously by Locals 95 and 60-A.

Admission to center activities is free for union members on presentation of union card. Interested ILOWUers are urged to register on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Sept. 18 and 19.

## TODAY AND TOMORROW

by Luigi Antonini rest victims - a row

There is no doubt that the era of old colonialism is in its sunset. The emergence of independent and self-governing countries, freed from the yoke of the colonial leash, is the long-range result of dynamic democracy at work.

Ignored by American's example, other Western democracies have relinquished their grip. In India, Ceylon, Burma, Indonesia, Indo-China, Tunisia, Libya, Morocco—the colonial shackles of yesterday are gone. In some areas they have been replaced by another—aid far worse—form of colonialism: the Kremlin brand.

But more recently, another threat to world stability has emerged from the Suez Canal, where the tenacity of Col. Nasser's Egyptian nationalism menace international peace as Britain's colonial grip never did.

International control of this artery is both vital for the peace of the world, let us hope — the London conference comes up with an equitable solution.

Turning to a situation that is closer at hand, we want to remind dressmakers that our agreement provides the following: "Garments shall be settled before they are put to work; however, workers may work on unsettled garments for the current week, provided that such garments are settled in time so that workers will receive pay on the next regular pay day for all work performed on such garments during the preceding week."

At the same time, workers should remain alert to make sure the full

## BOOK FRONT

by Miriam Spickard

## Strachey View On Capitalism Now Modified

CONTEMPORARY CAPITALISM. By John Strachey. Random House, 55.

Mr. Strachey has the gift of writing lucidly and even excitingly about the supposedly dismal and so-called science of economics. Indeed, a quarter of a century ago, he achieved international fame with a work that spelled out in utmost clarity the coming doom of the capitalist system.

That he now has authored a work which indicates that this system may yet survive, in previously unexpected strength, is not cause to charge him with inconsistency. History has never taken one man's theories as an undeviating course into the future, and Mr. Strachey, in the best 21 years, has been able to temper his mastery of Western economic theory with the experience he has gained as a wing commander in the House of Representatives of State and then Secretary of State, and since 1943 as Labor Party Member of Parliament.

Mr. Strachey still argues that the answer to the instabilities of our chaotic society of capitalism is socialism. But his arguments no longer rest on the formulations first set down by Karl Marx. The impact of socialism, together with the spread of democratic control in Western society, are yielding socializing effects which are the seeds of the orthodox socialist arguments of the growing misery of the mass of mankind and the inevitable, approaching violent struggle to overthrow the oppressors.

"Contemporary Capitalism" is an exciting intellectual experience, even for those who oppose its argument. It examines directly the basic issue of our age: the ability of our way of life to survive.

THE CRUCIAL DECADE. By Eric F. Goldman. Alfred A. Knopf, 54.

Mr. Goldman's book is an exercise in memory and evaluation of a most recent period in the life of this nation. If he is not altogether successful in viewing the past decade will the "disposition of an historian writing about ancient Greece, he is remarkably able in entering together in the pages of his book the feel of the ten-year span through which we have just passed. A good deal of the past impression rests on men and negatives that are bound to grow smaller with the passage of time. Yet, culturally, politically, socially, we are still very much the product of the men and events that filled the headlines of the 1945-1955 decade.

Mr. Goldman writes of things we ought to remember, even if many of his readers will not fully agree with his appraisal. He reviews as one in which a nation, about to enter in manhood and fear at the beginning of the decade, has now "rid itself of a great deal of its past" at the threshold of unobstructed freedom.

## Skill Retirement Filing From Sept. 1 to Oct. 15

Applications for retirement from the Skill and Sportswear Retirement Fund will be accepted beginning Sept. 1 until Oct. 15. Manager Louis Reiss of Local 22 announces. Applicants should appear in person at the office of the Fund, 22 West 38th St., New York City (eighth floor) and bring with them their union book and a photostatic copy of proof of age.

## 2 Missouri Locals Hear Congressman Christopher

Missouri Congressman George Christopher addressed the members of Local 337 (Garden City) and Local 567 (Higginsville) last month under a political education program set up by Staffer Winnie Lippman.

# JUSTICE

INTERNATIONAL LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS' UNION

## MEETING AT UNITY HOUSE

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations has just concluded an historic meeting. It has lashed out against corrupt elements seeking to subvert the welfare functions of trade unions. It has recommended to the AFL-CIO General Board endorsement of Aflal Stevenson and Estes Kefauver for President and Vice President of the United States.

By these two actions, organized labor in the United States has taken two giant steps forward toward a better America. It has moved to win a better administration of national affairs by electing to the nation's top executive posts two men who are devoted to the general interest of all the people, rather than to the defense of those special interests who have exercised the real control over national affairs during the past three years, while President Eisenhower has continued to utter platitudes.

It has coupled this action with its strongest attack on the threat of racketeering in the administration of union welfare funds. It has moved to expel three unions which, evidence shows, have fallen into the hands of unsavory elements. And it has, through its Ethical Practices Committee, adopted a code to govern the issuance of local charters in a manner that henceforth will tend strongly to prevent such delinquencies.

THAT THESE DRAMATIC and important decisions were made by the council at sessions held for the first time at Unity House, which thousands of garment workers call their summer home, can only be the source of additional pride for all members of the ILGWU. Indeed, in both decisions, history seems to have worked in a pleasing pattern.

In an industry especially sensitive to legislative restrictions on organizing, to legal regulations of hours of work and minimum wage rates, to compulsory bargaining of unsanitary working conditions, our members long ago abandoned the formal distinction between political and economic action, and adopted the position implied by the willingness of organized labor to make political endorsements.

Especially gratifying, however, is the fact that a united labor movement, for which Pres. Dubinsky and our union strove so vigorously for many years, has held the meeting of its governing body in our summer home; that it has been at this meeting that the strongest action has been taken against racketeering; that in the absence of AFL-CIO Vice Pres. Al J. Hayes, Pres. Dubinsky, as acting chairman of the Ethical Practices Committee, announced the code of ethical practices and the recommended actions against racketeering elements.

AS FAR BACK AS 1940, this union initiated the actions now reaching fruition. In that year, we predicated our reaffiliation with the AFL on strong action to be taken by the federation against racketeering elements. That request was embodied in a resolution submitted by our union to the AFL convention in New Orleans and eventually passed in a modified form. During that convention, Joseph Fay, then a vice president of the operating engineers' union and later jailed for extortion, demonstrated his disapproval with a physical attack on Pres. Dubinsky in the lobby of the convention hotel.

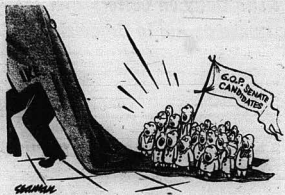
For a long time, the ILGWU-inspired resolution lay dormant. But four years ago, when public hearings exposed racketeering on the waterfront, our resolution became the basis of action that led to the expulsion of the racket-ridden International Longshoremen's Association from the AFL. The further refinement of the principles of that resolution, in the historic article by Pres. Dubinsky on welfare fund administration that appeared in the July 1954 American Federationist, has now become the basis of a precedent-making code.

In the actions of the Executive Council last week at Unity House, there is reassurance for all Americans that labor is determined to be clean in serving its members and their communities. Remembering their own long record in this crusade, ILGWU members have many reasons to be proud.

### "The Desert's Son"



### "Giddap!"



## What Does Labor Want?

By  
**George Meany**

From Labor Day message by the president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

THE working men and women of America have good cause to celebrate on this Labor Day because the united labor movement is no longer a dream, but an effective reality.

What is labor looking for? What does labor want? I hear these questions constantly and it seems to me that Labor Day is an opportune time to discuss them.

We want, first of all, a fair share of the rewards for what we help to produce. That means more than a living wage. It means sufficient income to live in decency and comfort and the opportunity for a good education and environment for the worker's children. It means insurance again—obvious health and security for old age. These are the so-called bread and butter objectives of the trade union movement.

It is important to point out that we do not seek these benefits for ourselves alone. We are engaged in campaigns to organize millions of unorganized workers so that they too can gain improved conditions. In fact, we are trying to raise the standard of living for all Americans.

In summarizing the highlights of labor's program, let me put first things first. We cannot live and make progress without peace. In this atomic age, we are aware that war would be a major catastrophe, wiping out whole nations and destroying overnight everything we have struggled to build for centuries.

There is only one power on earth strong enough and unprincipled enough to plunge the world into such a war—Soviet Russia. The Kremlin's clever propaganda campaign—its repeated claims of peaceful purposes, its recent repudiation of Stalin's crimes—none of these maneuvers can obscure the central and inescapable fact that the Communist conspiracy still is aimed at world domination and will never be satisfied with less.

This is the all-important problem America must contend against as the leader of the free world. We must steer a careful course for the preservation of peace without jeopardizing or sacrificing the freedom and independence of any nation exposed to Communist aggression. We must develop a strong national defense program and a clear foreign policy that will effectively pre-

vent war by the only deterrent the Communists respect—superior power.

LOOKING ahead at the domestic picture, labor sees the need for a progressively stronger national economy which will yield greater returns to business, to the farmers, and to industrial workers. We have consistently maintained that higher mass purchasing power is the key to a dynamic economy and an expanding prosperity. Obviously the rate of consumption must keep pace with the nation's constantly increasing productive capacity, or we will be swamped with deadly surpluses.

Thus, labor's pressure for higher wages through collective bargaining is in the public interest. So is our drive to organize unorganized workers, who become better customers when they receive union wages.

LABOR is so concerned over the school crisis that it has placed the need for an adequate program of federal aid to education at the top of its legislative program. We also favor a large-scale federal housing program, to wipe out slums and blighted areas from our cities and to make decent homes available to people in the low and middle-income brackets and to older persons.

In the past decade, America has made forward strides toward improved social security, but there is still one gaping hole in the protections we have erected. There is yet no adequate insurance program to cover the costs of medical care, which can be disastrous to the average family. The AFL-CIO advocates a program of federal health insurance which will safeguard the freedom of patients and doctors alike.

Finally, our legislative program includes a labor-management relations law which will be fair to those on both sides of the bargaining table and protect the public interest at the same time. Leaders of the two major political parties have promised to help remove the obvious injustices that the Taft-Hartley Act imposes on the nation's workers, but nothing has been done. Likewise, there still remain on the books of seventeen states so-called "right-to-work" laws which are aimed at the outright destruction of unions and should be promptly repealed.